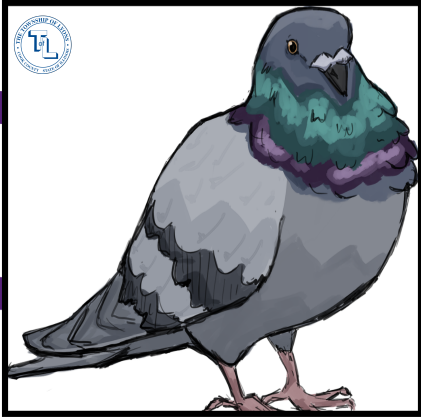


Rock Pigeon



Lifespan: 10 years

Pigeons were tamed over 5000 years ago to be messenger pigeons because they are great navigators. They aren't good at making nests because they originally lived on mountains.
Favorite Foods: Seeds and Fruits

Blue Jay



Lifespan: 7 years

Blue Jays will mimic the sounds of hawks to scare away other birds. Even bird scientists haven't been able to understand their migration patterns! Blue Jays are apart of the Corvid family, the same one crows are in.
Favorite Foods: Seeds, Bugs, and Berries

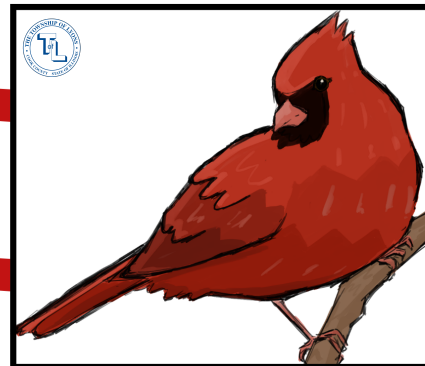
House Sparrow



Lifespan: 3 years

House Sparrows usually hop around instead of walking to conserve energy. They will take over other species nests to use for themselves.
Favorite Food: Native Plant Seeds

Northern Cardinal



Lifespan: 3 years

Northern Cardinals are the Illinois state bird. 1 in 1 million cardinals are yellow. They do not migrate so you can see them year-round!
Favorite Foods: Seeds, Insects, and Berries

Mourning Dove



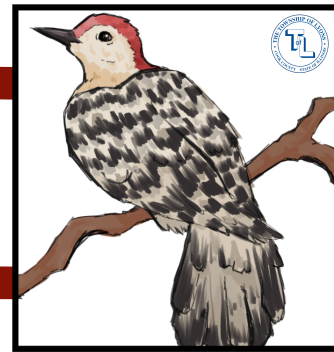
Lifespan: 2 years

Mourning Doves stay with their partners for life, so if you spot one, try looking for the other!

Male Mourning Doves have iridescent feathers on their necks that shimmer in the sun.

Favorite Food: Seeds

Red-Bellied Woodpecker



Lifespan: 12 years

Red-Bellied Woodpeckers use the sharp spears on their tongues to find bugs hiding in trees. Unlike larger species of woodpeckers, Red-Bellied Woodpeckers love to visit feeders.

Favorite Foods: Insects, Nuts, and Seeds

Seagull



Lifespan: 15 years

Seagulls are highly intelligent and social. They are able to drink sea water because they have special glands that filter out salt. There are around 50 species of Seagulls. Young Seagulls migrate more than older ones.

Favorite Foods: Fish and Insects

American Crow

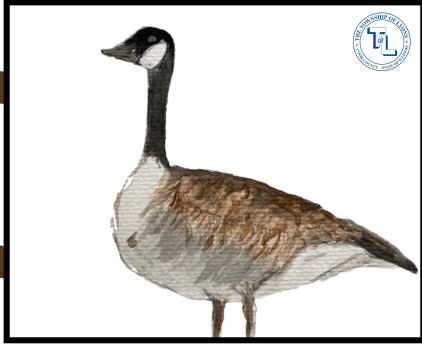


Lifespan: 10 years

Crows are one of the smartest birds. They are able to remember faces and can hold grudges for generations. Crows are one of the few birds who are known to make tools in the wild

Favorite Foods: Grains, Seeds, and Insects

Canadian Goose



Lifespan: 20 years

Canada Geese do not just attack for no reason, they are extremely territorial when they have babies. In the 1950s, Canada Geese were thought to be extinct. Efforts to help the geese were so successful they became a problem

Favorite Food: Plants

American Robin



Lifespan: 2 years

Robins have a favorite breakfast and dinner, they hunt for earthworms in the morning, and forage for berries in the evening. They are actually part of the Thrush family but settlers thought they looked like European Robins.

Favorite Foods: Bugs, Fruits, and Berries

American Goldfinch



Lifespan: 6 years

Goldfinches have brighter feathers in the summer and darker feathers in the winter. They are vegetarians, eating just seeds and plants.

Favorite Food: Seeds

European Starling



Lifespan: 15 years

European Starlings are great at mimicking other birds, pet starlings are often able to perfectly replicate human language. Starlings can fly up to 48 miles per hour.

Favorite Foods: Insects and Fruit

Bald Eagle



Lifespan: 30 years

Bald Eagles are the national bird of the United States. They will sometimes team up to hunt prey.

In movies, their screech is actually from Red-Tailed Hawks.

Favorite Foods: Fish, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals

Red-Tailed Hawk



Lifespan: 20 years

Red-Tailed Hawks are one of the largest birds found in North America. Their screech is used instead of Bald Eagles in movies!

Favorite Foods: Small mammals like rabbits, squirrels, and mice.

Black-Capped Chickadee

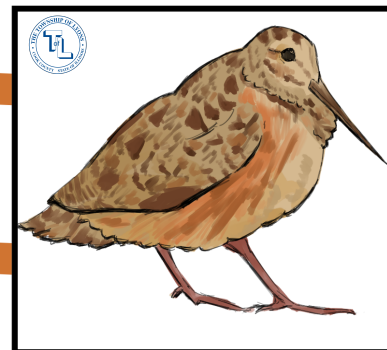


Lifespan: 3 years

Black-Capped Chickadees hide food in the fall to eat during the winter. In the winter, Chickadees travel together in huge flocks with many different bird species to increase chances of survival.

Favorite Foods: Seeds, Berries, and Insects

Timberdoodle

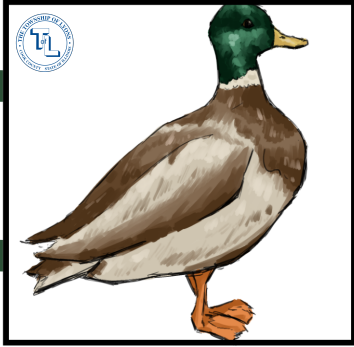


Lifespan: 7 years

Timberdoodles swing their bodies back and forth while walking on dirt to help them find food. They send vibrations to the soil to make worms dig to the surface.

Timberdoodles leave the nest just a couple hours after hatching.
Favorite Foods: Worms and Insects

Mallard Duck



Lifespan: 8 years

Mallard Ducks can fly up to 55 miles per hour and swim up to 20 miles per hour. Their feathers are hydrophobic, meaning that they never get wet!

Favorite Foods: Fish, Plants, and Insects

Gray Catbird



Lifespan: 2 years

The Gray Catbird can sing nonstop for 10 minutes. Catbirds chirping sounds like a "meow", but they also mimic other bird calls, and even other species calls such as tree frogs.

Favorite Foods: Insects and Berries